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IMAGE-FORMING DEVICE

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K-21	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
\sqcup	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed
	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
\boxtimes	This patent application is assigned to BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA.
	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
П	A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
M	Priority of foreign application No. 2002-352824 filed December 4, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
	A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
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